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Introduced by Representatives Pearson of Burlington, Buxton of Royalton,
Campion of Bennington, Copeland-Hanzas of Bradford, Degree
of St. Albans City, Howard of Cambridge, Johnson of South
Hero, Larson of Burlington, Olsen of Jamaica, Ram of
Burlington, Scheuermann of Stowe, Trieber of Rockingham,
Weston of Burlington and Young of Albany

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Elections; registration of voters; birthday registration drive

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to require the secretary of state to
mail to 18-year-olds a voter registration form, along with a letter encouraging
them to register to vote.

An act relating to encouraging 18-year-olds to register to vote

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. 17 V.S.A. § 2153 is amended to read:

§ 2153. BIRTHDAY REGISTRATION DRIVE

(a) The secretary of state ~~may~~ shall develop and ~~implement~~ maintain a
statewide voter registration program for the purpose of encouraging persons to
register to vote on their 18th birthday.

1 (b) In the month of the 18th birthday of a person who has a personal
2 identification card through the Vermont department of motor vehicles, the
3 secretary of state shall mail to that person a voter registration form, along with
4 a letter encouraging him or her to register to vote.

5 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

6 This act shall take effect on passage.